

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/790,210
Response to OA dated June 12, 2008

REMARKS

Claim 2 has been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as their invention. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 12, 2008. The Examiner's comments regarding the previous response are appreciated. It is believed that Claim 2 now more clearly defines the disposition of the lens.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 4-6 and 8 are indicated as allowed.

In the Office Action, Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Evans (U.S. Patent No. 5,973,915) in view of Shibata et al. (U.S. Published Application No. 2001/0004269). Reconsideration and removal of this rejection are respectfully requested in view of the present amendment to Claim 2 and the following remarks.

In the present invention the main cabinet has a front side surface and a back side surface, with the back side surface being the surface which is covered with the display cabinet when the display cabinet is overlapping with the main cabinet. The back side surface has image pick-up switches and the front side surface has an opening for receiving light toward a front of the lens. It is respectfully submitted that this arrangement is distinct from the arrangement of Evans, in which the pick-up switches and an opening for receiving light toward a front of the lens are both disposed on a front side surface (the surface shown facing outward in FIG. 2A, for example). Because of the alleged main cabinet (15) of Evans being U-shaped, as shown in FIG. 3A, for example, it would be

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impossible to have pick-up switches on the back side surface (surface which is covered by the display cabinet when the display cabinet is overlapping with the main cabinet), because access to any switches would not be possible.

In order to better distinguish over the cited prior art, Claim 2 has been amended to more clearly define the claimed invention.

In view of the amendment of Claim 2 and the above remarks. Removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the aforementioned amendment and accompanying remarks, Claims 2, as amended, is believed to be patentable and in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

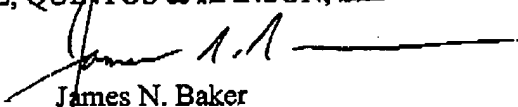
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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